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The Current World War

One of our great problems in this country in understanding the news of the world is the fact that we take it as it comes, and when we do go into "expertise" we specialize in "African problems," "Latin American problems," "Asian problems," etc.

This practice serves to cover over the simple fact that very often a series of such isolated "problems" were all hatched, planned, bought and paid for from the same headquarters.

That is too simple a solution for those whose own complex minds insist on breaking things down into its own local complications — but it is nevertheless true.

It is a fact, for example, that the Kremlin bosses in Moscow have established a staggering global fund for the specific purpose of financing student agitation. Their own party press refers to this fund and this practice.

From this central fund comes the cash and the expert trouble-makers for stirring up students in South Viet Nam, Panama, Puerto Rico, the African states, and, perhaps, even the recent riot in California.

Certainly it has a familiar pattern and a familiar political pitch.

THE MASSACRE OF WOMEN and children, helpless prisoners, in the Congo by Communist armed and encouraged rebels IS connected with the riots in South Viet Nam designed to produce police and military action and discredit the army and police.

Both are connected with the guerrilla war in Venezuela, the riot in Panama in which American canal zone soldiers were fired upon and killed, and the Soviet "aid" given to Cuba.

It is all one big problem of many parts in which the Communist regime is directing a coordinated attack against order and a functional orderly society throughout the free world.

There is good authority that a hundred million dollars of their student agitation fund has been earmarked this year for Latin America, with Cuba as the headquarters for managing the effort.

The truth is that we have a similar global war going on, largely under the direction of the CIA, and THEIR hand is clearly involved also from the Congo to Southeast Asia.

And yet, in the political, governmental, and academic dialogue here in the United States, it is regarded often as unseemly to mention this simple, elemental and unquestionably true fact.

IT IS FASHIONABLE to discuss the Congo as if it were a peculiar problem all by itself and within itself, and to get into intricate details of the nature of the problem in the Congo independently of its role as part of a global plan.

It is fashionable to discuss South Viet Nam as if it were entirely and exclusively a local problem in that far off area unrelated to events in other parts of the world.

It is fashionable to discuss Cuba as if it were an isolated problem, and not a part of a world-wide problem and a very key part of a problem that directly involves all the Americas.

It is even fashionable to regard all these as local problems while treating with the Soviet Union as if they really believed in "peaceful co-existence" and are sort of "friendly rivals" these days.

THIS PRETENSE keeps us a bit more relaxed, apparently, and better satisfied — and the political "ins" never want people too dissatisfied, of course.

But a titanic global struggle is going on, and we are in the middle of it, and this is NOT properly the private struggle of a few secretive government agencies to be carried on outside our knowledge without "disturbing" the American people.